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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber   
Director of Public Works

### **BOARD MOTION OF JUNE 6, 2012 AGENDA ITEMS 73 AND 84 COUNTY GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE**

On June 6, 2012, your Board directed the Department of Public Works to update the County Green Building Standards Code's cost-effectiveness study to account for expected increases in the cost of electricity, include all affected building types in that analysis, and post the information on [green.lacounty.gov](http://green.lacounty.gov) and the websites of the Departments of Regional Planning and Public Works within 14 days.

This motion was discussed at the Planning Deputies meeting on June 14, 2012. During this discussion, Public Works presented the initial results of the revised cost-effectiveness study to include an expected increase in utility costs and indicated the challenges in completing the analysis. At this time, we are asking for a 7-day extension until Wednesday, June 27, 2012, to continue working on this item.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Dennis Hunter at (626) 458-4006.

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cc: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Department of Regional Planning  
Executive Office

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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND  
MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

June 6, 2012

**Relates to Item # 73 & 84**

In 2008, the Board of Supervisors enacted ordinances that made Los Angeles County (the County) a leader in green building, promoted drought-tolerant landscaping, and reduced stormwater runoff. In particular, the green building ordinance required that new buildings be 15% more energy efficient than the State's minimum requirement. To ensure the County remained at the forefront of the environmental effort even as State standards evolved, the 2008 ordinance set forth a process by which the ordinance's initial standards would be regularly updated by staff upon ratification by the Regional Planning Commission.

However, during the last update cycle, the Building Industry Association (BIA) urged the Commission not to ratify staff's recommendation for two reasons: 1) they argued that the County should fall in line with the rest of the State, and no longer be a leader in energy efficiency; and, 2) they wanted the County's stand-alone green building ordinance to be integrated within the County's building code to streamline the development process and help create jobs.

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Tier 1, and prepare an alternative version of the ordinance that includes this requirement; and,

- 3) Instruct that the updated cost-effectiveness information be posted within 14 days to [green.lacounty.gov](http://green.lacounty.gov) and the websites of the Departments of Regional Planning and Public Works, and that a summary of the updated cost-effectiveness information be included within the updated Board letter.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

JUNE 6, 2012

In 2008, the Board of Supervisors adopted a green building ordinance that was placed in Title 22. In 2010, in accordance with state law, this board adopted the California Green Building Standards Code as amended by the County which is known as Title 31. It has come to my attention there are potentially conflicting provisions between these two codes. In addition, there may be an issue of whether all or some of the green building provisions in Title 22 were superseded by the adoption of Title 31.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisor direct County Counsel to work with the Departments of Regional Planning and Public Works, to identify the green building provisions in Title 22 and report back to this board, on which if any of these provisions are legally enforceable. For those green building provisions in Title 22 that are legally enforceable and are in conflict with Title 31, provide an explanation of how the departments propose to enforce those provisions going forward.

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